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#### **Tentative Ruling:**

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8:17-14535 **Prime Metals U.S.A., Inc.** 

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Adv#: 8:19-01213 Marshack v. An et al

#1.00 CON'TD STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for: 1. Avoidance and Recover of Constructive Fraudulent Transfers; 2. Avoidance and Recovery of Property of the Bankruptcy Estate; 3. Avoidance of Preferential Transfers; and 4. Recovery of Avoided Transfers

FR: 1-30-20; 3-19-20; 5-21-20; 7-23-20; 10-22-20; 1-21-21; 4-8-21; 5-20-21; 8-19-21

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO 1/13/2022 AT 9:30 A.M., Per Order Entered 11/5/2021 (XX)

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

SPECIAL NOTE: Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Only Defendant Byungwhan Chung, an individual, filed 3/25/2021 - td (3/26/2021)

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

**January 30, 2020** 

Joint status report not timely filed.\* Parties must appear and advise the court re the status of this matter.

\* The Stipulation and Order [docket #s 5 & 6] only extended the answer date -- did not include an extension of the deadline to file a status report.

Note: Appearances at the hearing are required.

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May 21, 2020

Continue the status conference to July 23, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by July 16, 2020 if the adversary is still pending by such date.

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Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required.

January 21, 2021

Continue status conference to April 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by March 25, 2021 if the adversary is still pending by such date. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required; Plaintiff to serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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#### **April 8, 2021**

Continue status conference one final time to May 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by May 6, 2021.

Note: If the parties accept the foregoing tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing are not required and Plaintiff shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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#### May 20, 2021

Continue Status Conference to July 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Court to issue an Order To Show Cause why this adversary should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution to be heard on July 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

#### **Basis for Tentative Ruling:**

In his status report filed for the April 21, 2021 hearing, Plaintiff represented that this matter would be resolved. No motion for approval of compromise has been filed in the main case and an updated Status Report was not timely filed by May 6, 2021.

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Note: If the parties accept the foregoing tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing not required and Plaintiff shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

# Party Information

**Debtor(s):** 

Prime Metals U.S.A., Inc.

Represented By

Steven Werth

**Defendant(s):** 

Minho An Represented By

Michael H Yi

Byungwhan Chung Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Richard A Marshack Represented By

Ronald S Hodges Robert P Goe Ryan S Riddles

**Trustee(s):** 

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By

D Edward Hays Laila Masud David M Goodrich Robert P Goe

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8:17-14535 Prime Metals U.S.A., Inc.

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Adv#: 8:19-01216 Marshack v. Hyundai Steel Company

#2.00 PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint For: 1. Breach of Contract; 2. Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; 3. Avoidance and Recovery of Intentional Fraudulent Transfers; 4. Avoidance and Recovery of Constructive Fraudulent Transfers; 5. Avoidance and Recovery of Property of the Bankruptcy Estate; 6. Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction; 7. Avoidance of Preferential Transfers; 8. Recovery of Avoided Transfers; 9. Substantive Consolidation; 10. Declaratory Judgment: Alter Ego

FR: 2-6-20; 4-2-20; 8-20-20; 10-1-20; 12-10-20

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO 4/7/2022 AT 9:30 A.M., Per Hearing Held 9/9/2022 and Order Entered 9/20/2022 (XX)

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

CONTINUED: Pre-trial Conference Continued to 4/7/2022 at 9:30 a.m., Per Hearing Held 9/9/2022 and Order Entered 9/20/2022 (XX) - td (9/20/2021)

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### August 20, 2020

Continue Status Conference to October 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., same date/time as hearing on pending motion to dismiss. An updated Joint Status Report is not required. (XX)

Note: Appearances at today's hearing are not required.

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**December 10, 2020** 

Discovery Cut-off Date: Sept. 1, 2021

Pretrial Conference Date: Nov. 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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Deadline to Lodge Joint Pretrial Stipulation: Nov. 4, 2021

Note: If <u>all</u> parties agree with the foregoing schedule, appearances at today's hearing are <u>waived</u> and Plaintiff shall serve/lodge a scheduling order consistent with the same.

### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Prime Metals U.S.A., Inc. Represented By

Steven Werth

**Defendant(s):** 

Hyundai Steel Company Represented By

Philip S Warden

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Richard A Marshack Represented By

Ronald S Hodges Robert P Goe Ryan S Riddles

**Trustee(s):** 

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By

D Edward Hays Laila Masud David M Goodrich

Robert P Goe

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Adv#: 8:19-01218 Marshack v. Kim et al

#3.00 CON'TD PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for: 1. Breach of Fiduciary Duty; 2. Accounting; and 3. Defalcation of Trust (as to Defendant Minho An)

FR: 2-6-20; 10-8-20; 1-21-21; 4-22-21; 5-20-21; 8-19-21

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: CONTINUED TO 1/13/2022 AT 9:30 A.M., Per Order Entered 11/5/2021 (XX)

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

SPECIAL NOTE: Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Only Defendant Ik Dong Kim, aka Kim Zk Dong, an individual, with Prejudice, filed 2/3/2021 - td (2/3/2021); Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Only Defendant Gill Su Sun, an individual, with Prejudice, filed 3/25/2021 - td (3/26/2021)

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### **February 6, 2020**

Discovery Cut-off Date:

Deadline to Attend Mediation:

June 1, 2020

June 15, 2020

Pretrial Conference Date: July 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

(XX)

Deadline to Lodge Joint Pretrial Stipulation: July 6, 2020

Special Note: The joint status report filed 1/28/20 provides very little information regarding the status of the case, why there is no discovery schedule, and why Plaintiff is waiting for non-answering defendants to participate. Per the docket, only one defendant, Minho An, was granted an extension of time to January 7, 2020 to file an answer. An's answer was timely filed.

Note: If <u>all</u> parties agree with the foregoing schedule, appearances at today's hearing are <u>waived</u> and Plaintiff shall serve/lodge a scheduling

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order consistent with the same.

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### May 20, 2021

Continue Pretrial Conference to July 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Court to issue an Order To Show Cause why this adversary should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution to be heard on July 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

### Basis for Tentative Ruling:

Prior to the April 21, 2021 Pretrial Conference, Plaintiff represented that this matter would be resolved. No motion for approval of compromise has been filed in the main case and a Pretrial Stipulation was not timely filed by May 6, 2021.

Note: If the parties accept the foregoing tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing not required and Plaintiff shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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#### August 19, 2021

Appearance at this Status Conference is required. Plaintiff must appear and explain why the settlement has not been approved and/or completed after several months.

#### Party Information

#### **Debtor(s):**

Prime Metals U.S.A., Inc.

Represented By
Steven Werth

**Defendant(s):** 

Ik Dong Kim Pro Se

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Gill Su Sun Pro Se Minho An Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Richard A Marshack Represented By

Ronald S Hodges Robert P Goe Ryan S Riddles **5A** 

Trustee(s):

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By

D Edward Hays Laila Masud David M Goodrich Robert P Goe

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8:18-14603 Sean Pate

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Adv#: 8:19-01058 Euretig et al v. Pate

#4.00 CON'TD STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint for Nondischargeability of Debt

FR: 6-20-19; 12-19-19; 11-19-20; 8-19-21

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#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

June 20, 2019

This adversary proceeding will be stayed in light of the pending state court action, with periodic status conferences. Continue this status conference to December 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. An updated status report re the status of the state court action must be filed by December 12, 2019. (XX)

Special note: It is highly likely that once the updated status report is filed, the December 19, 2019 status conference will be continued without the necessity for appearances.

Note: Appearances at this hearing are waived; Plaintiff to lodge a scheduling order consistent with the same.

**December 19, 2019** 

In light of the pending state court matter, continue this Status Conference to November 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; updated joint status report must be filed by November 5, 2020. All discovery stayed until further notice. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are waived; Plaintiff to lodge a scheduling order consistent with the same.

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In light of pending state court litigation, continue the Status Conference to August 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; updated Status Report must be filed by August 5, 2021. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are waived; Plaintiff to lodge a scheduling order consistent with the same.

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### **August 19, 2021**

In light of the representation made in the Status Report filed August 5, 2021, regarding a settlement in the state court action, this Status Conference will be continued to November 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; an updated Joint Status Report must be filed by November 4, 2021. The court will set the discovery deadline and the pretrial conference at the November 18, 2021 Status Conference. (XX)

Note: If both parties accept the tentative ruling, appearances at today's hearing is not required and Plaintiff will serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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#### November 18, 2021

In light of the settlement of the state court action, continue the Status Conference to January 20, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.. An updated Joint Status Report need only be filed by January 6, 2022 if the adversary is still pending as of such date. In addition, the parties may lodge a stipulated order re relief from the automatic stay to allow the consummation of the settlement.

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required; Plaintiff to serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

**Party Information** 

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**Debtor(s):** 

Sean Pate Represented By

Anerio V Altman

**Defendant(s):** 

Pro Se Sean Pate

Plaintiff(s):

Gary Edelston Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Earl B Abramson Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Sunwest Trust Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Oxnard Street, LLC Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Michal Gutentag Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Barbara Edelston Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Beth Rakow Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Represented By Jay Rakow

Jayne A Peeters

Sunwest Trust Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

Louis Schwartz Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

David P Abramson Represented By

Jayne A Peeters

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Andrew Euretig	Represented By Jayne A Peeters		
Zvi Gutentag	Represented By Jayne A Peeters		
<u>Trustee(s):</u>			
Weneta M Kosmala (TR)	Represented By Erin P Moriarty		

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8:19-13858 Bruce Elieff

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Adv#: 8:19-01205 Elieff et al v. Kurtin

#5.00 CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Second Amended Complaint for Mandatory Subordination and Recovery of Liens Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 510(b) and 510(c)(2), Avoidance and Recovery of Preferential and Fraudulent Transfers, and Disallowance of Claims Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §502(d)

FR: 3-5-20; 4-9-20; 4-23-20; 8-20-20; 11-19-20; 12-17-20; 1-21-21; 2-18-21; 5-20-21

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#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

April 23, 2020

Continue Status Conference to August 20, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; joint status report due August 6, 2020. (XX)

#### August 20, 2020

Continue Status Conference to November 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; updated Joint Status Report to be filed by November 5, 2020. (XX)

Note: If all parties accept the foregoing tentative ruling, appearances at today's hearing is not required. Plaintiffs to serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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#### November 19, 2020

Continue the hearing to December 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.; the court's order re

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the SJ Motion will be issued in the near future. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required.

**December 17, 2020** 

Continue Status Conference one final time to January 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required.

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**January 21, 2021** 

Continue the hearing to February 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; the court's order re SJ will be issued on January 25, 2021. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required.

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February 18, 2021

Continue status conference to May 20, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; updated joint status report must be filed by May 6, 2021. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required; Plaintiff serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

May 20, 2021

Continue the Status Conference to November 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; updated Joint Status Report must be filed by November 4, 2021. (XX)

Special note: The court will not sua sponte dismiss the remaining claims. If

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either party is dissatisfied with the tentative ruling, he can file a properly noticed motion for relief.

Note: If <u>both</u> parties accept the tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing are not required and Plaintiff shall service of the continued hearing date/time.

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Continue the Status Conference to February 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.; updated Joint Status Conference must be filed by February 3, 2022.

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required; Plaintiff to serve notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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**Debtor(s):** 

Bruce Elieff Represented By

Paul J Couchot Lisa Nelson

**Defendant(s):** 

Todd Kurtin Represented By

Lewis R Landau Edward O Morales

Plaintiff(s):

Bruce Elieff Represented By

Paul J Couchot

Morse Properties, LLC Represented By

Paul J Couchot

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Trustee(s):			
Howard M Ehrenberg (TR)	Represented By Alan G Tippie Daniel A Lev Sean A OKeefe		

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**8:20-11898** Louis Sandoval

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Adv#: 8:20-01110 Myers v. Sandoval

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CON'TD STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Complaint to Object to Debtor's Discharge and Complaint to Determine Non-Dischargeability of Debt Under Section 523(A) (2) of The Bankruptcy Code and For Denial of Discharge Under Section 727(A)(4) of The Bankruptcy Code (Another Summons Issued 10/30/2020)

FR: 1-14-21; 4-15-21; 5-11-21; 8-19-21; 9-16-21

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#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### January 14, 2021

No answer or other response to the Complaint has been filed by the defendant, Louis Sandoval. Accordingly, this Status Conference will be continued to April 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. to allow Plaintiff to file a motion for entry of a default judgment against the defendant which provides evidence to support the required elements of fraud under Bankruptcy Code Section 523(a)(2)(A). (XX)

#### Special Note:

A motion for default judgment may self-calendared for the same date/time as the continued Status Conference date. Alternatively, the motion may be filed without a hearing pursuant to the procedure set forth in Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(o).

The motion for default judgment, supported by evidence, must be served on defendant and defendant's counsel in accordance with Local Rule 9013-1(d). If the motion for default judgment is not heard by the continued date of the Status Conference, **THE ADVERSARY MAY BE DISMISSED** at the Status

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Conference for failure to prosecute.

The court strongly suggests that Plaintiff seek legal counsel regarding the preparation of a motion for default judgment.

Note: If Plaintiff accepts the foregoing tentative ruling, appearance at today's hearing is not required; Plaintiff to serve the defendant by mail with notice of the continued hearing date/time.

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### **April 15, 2021**

Continue this hearing to May 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., same date and time as the hearing on Defendant's motion to dismiss the adversary so that all matters can be heard in the same hearing. (XX)

Note: No appearances for the April 15, 2021 hearing are required.

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#### May 11, 2021

Continue the Status Conference to August 19, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.. A Joint Status Report must be filed by August 5, 2021 (XX)

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#### August 19, 2021

Continue the Status Conference to Sepember 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., the same date/time set for hearing on Defendant's motion to dismiss. Updated Status Report not required. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required.

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Discovery Cut-off Date:

Deadline to Attend **Mandatory** Mediation:

Pretrial Conference Date:

Deadline to Lodge Joint Pretrial Stipulation:

Mar. 18, 2022

Apr. 22, 2022

June 2, 2022

May 19, 2022:

Note: If <u>all</u> parties agree with the foregoing schedule, appearances at today's hearing are <u>waived</u> and Plaintiff shall serve/lodge a scheduling order consistent with the same.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Louis Sandoval Represented By

Steven B Lever

**Defendant(s):** 

Louis Sandoval Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Charlotte Cysner Myers Pro Se

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

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# 8:15-15096 Darshan Upadhyaya

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Adv#: 8:16-01024 Floorit Financial, Inc. v. Upadhyaya

#7.00 CONT'D Examination of Third Person Amanda Upadhyaya aka Amanda C. Ramos Upadhyaya Re: Enforcement of Judgment

FR: 4-9-20; 6-4-20; 9-10-20; 11-19-20; 1-14-21; 5-20-21; 8-5-21

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR: Order Approving Stipulation to Continue Hearing to July 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM Entered 11-8-21 (Docket No. 57) (XX)

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

OFF CALENDAR: Order Approving Stipulation to Continue Hearing to July 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM Entered 11-8-21 (XX) (Docket No. 57). -jl/td

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

June 4, 2020

Continue the examination to September 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (XX)

#### **Basis for Tentative Ruling**

The courthouse remains closed to in-person court appearances and on-site in-person judgment debtor examinations. Judgment creditor is free to schedule an examination outside the courthouse, including by video conference, prior to September 10, 2020. Depending on the status of pandemic-related rules and policies in place on September 1, 2020, the September 10, 2020 hearing may be further continued.

Note: If the Judgment Creditor accepts the foregoing tentative ruling, appearance at this hearing is not required and Judgment Creditor shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time. Non-appearance at the hearing will be deemed acceptance of the tentative ruling.

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Continue the examination to November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (XX)

### **Basis for Tentative Ruling**

The courthouse is currently closed to in-person court appearances and onsite in-person judgment debtor examinations. Judgment creditor is free to schedule an examination outside the courthouse, including by video conference, prior to November 19, 2020. Depending on the status of pandemic-related rules and policies in place on November 19, 2020, the examination may be further continued.

Note: If the Judgment Creditor accepts the foregoing tentative ruling, appearance at this hearing is not required and Judgment Creditor shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time. Non-appearance at the hearing will be deemed acceptance of the tentative ruling.

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#### November 19, 2020

This tentative ruling applies to #s 15 and 16 on today's calendar:

The courthouse is currently closed to in-person court appearances and onsite in-person judgment debtor examinations. However, as this court now conducts hearings on the Zoom platform, the examination may be accommodated by placing the parties in a separate private Zoom "room" after the examinees are sworn in by the courtroom clerk. It will the responsibility of the Judgment Creditor to either have the court reporter call into the Zoom hearing at the commencement of the hearing or to make other arrangements for the participation of the court reporter. Alternatively, the Judgment Creditor is free to schedule an examination outside the courthouse, including by video conference, in which case this hearing will be continued to January 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Judgment Creditor shall advise the courtroom clerk of its choice at the time of the calendar roll call.

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## **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Darshan Upadhyaya Represented By

Amid Bahadori

**Defendant(s):** 

Darshan Upadhyaya Represented By

Amid Bahadori

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Floorit Financial, Inc. Represented By

Tom Roddy Normandin

James T Jackson

**Trustee(s):** 

Jeffrey I Golden (TR) Represented By

Jeremy Faith Nina Z Javan

Meghann A Triplett

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Adv#: 8:16-01024 Floorit Financial, Inc. v. Upadhyaya

#8.00 CONT'D Examination of Judgment Debtor Darshan Upadhyaya Re: Enforcement of Judgment

FR: 4-2-20; 6-4-20; 9-10-20; 11-19-20; 1-14-21; 5-20-21; 8-5-21

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\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR: Order Approving Stipulation to Continue Hearing to July 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM Entered 11-8-21 (Docket No. 57) (XX)

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#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### April 2, 2020

In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, continue the examination to June 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., except that the parties are free to stipulate to a remote videoconference examination at a mutually agreeable time prior to June 4, 2020.

Note: If all parties accept the foregoing tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing are not required and Plaintiff shall lodge an order consistent with the same.

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#### June 4, 2020

Continue the examination to September 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (XX)

### Basis for Tentative Ruling

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The courthouse remains closed to in-person court appearances and on-site in-person judgment debtor examinations. Judgment creditor is free to schedule an examination outside the courthouse in accordance with applicable rules, including by video conference, prior to September 10, 2020. Depending on the status of pandemic-related rules and policies in place on September 1, 2020, the September 10, 2020 hearing may be further continued.

Note: If the Judgment Creditor accepts the foregoing tentative ruling, appearance at this hearing is not required and Judgment Creditor shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time. Non-appearance at the hearing will be deemed acceptance of the tentative ruling.

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#### **September 10, 2020**

Continue the examination to November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (XX)

#### Basis for Tentative Ruling

The courthouse is currently closed to in-person court appearances and onsite in-person judgment debtor examinations. Judgment creditor is free to schedule an examination outside the courthouse, including by video conference, prior to November 19, 2020. Depending on the status of pandemic-related rules and policies in place on November 19, 2020, the examination may be further continued.

Note: If the Judgment Creditor accepts the foregoing tentative ruling, appearance at this hearing is not required and Judgment Creditor shall serve notice of the continued hearing date/time. Non-appearance at the hearing will be deemed acceptance of the tentative ruling.

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#### November 19, 2020

This tentative ruling applies to #s 15 and 16 on today's calendar:

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The courthouse is currently closed to in-person court appearances and onsite in-person judgment debtor examinations. However, as this court now conducts hearings on the Zoom platform, the examination may be accommodated by placing the parties in a separate private Zoom "room" after the examinees are sworn in by the courtroom clerk. It will the responsibility of the Judgment Creditor to either have the court reporter call into the Zoom hearing at the commencement of the hearing or to make other arrangements for the participation of the court reporter. Alternatively, the Judgment Creditor is free to schedule an examination outside the courthouse, including by video conference, in which case this hearing will be continued to January 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Judgment Creditor shall advise the courtroom clerk of its choice at the time of the calendar roll call.

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Darshan Upadhyaya Represented By

Amid Bahadori

**Defendant(s):** 

Darshan Upadhyaya Represented By

Amid Bahadori

**Plaintiff(s):** 

Floorit Financial, Inc. Represented By

Tom Roddy Normandin

James T Jackson

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By

Jeremy Faith Nina Z Javan

Meghann A Triplett

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**8:17-13439 David Ross Rowley** 

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#9.00 Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [REAL PROPERTY]

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

Docket 57

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Order Continuing Hearing to 12/16/21 at 10:00 am Entered 11/12/21 (XX)

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

CONTINUED: Order Continuing Hearing to 12/16/21 at 10:00 am Entered 11/12/21- mp/td (XX) (11/12/21)

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Grant with codebtor relief and 4001(a)(3) waiver.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by the Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

David Ross Rowley Represented By

Diane L Mancinelli

**Movant(s):** 

Bank of America, N.A. Represented By

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Nancy L Lee

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

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10:00 AM

8:18-13556 Nam Howell

Chapter 13

#10.00 Hearing R

Hearing RE: Amended Motion for relief from the automatic stay

[REAL PROPERTY]

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

Docket 67

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### November 18, 2021

Movant needs to explain the impact of the 12-month Covid-19 Payment Agreement on Debtor's delinquency. If the parties would like more time to explore a possible adequate protection resolution, the hearing may be continued by requesting a continuance during the court clerk's calendar roll call just prior to the hearing. Available hearing dates: Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Additional dates may be available.

# **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Nam Howell Represented By

Rabin J Pournazarian

#### Movant(s):

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC Represented By

Natalie E Lea Austin P Nagel

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Trustee(s):

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Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:19-12509 Scott T. Vu and Thu M. Nguyen

Chapter 13

#11.00 CON'TD Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [REAL PROPERTY]

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

FR: 10-21-21

Docket 57

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Order Approving Stipulation for Adequate Protection Entered 11/12/21

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

OFF CALEDNAR: Order Approving Stipulation for Adequate Protection Entered 11/12/21- mp/td (11/12/21\_

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### October 21, 2021

Grant the motion with waiver of 4001(a)(3) unless the Moving Party is willing to enter into an adequate protection order with Debtor. If more time is needed regarding an APO, the matter may be continued to November 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. by requesting a continuance during the clerk's calendar roll call prior to the hearing.

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#### November 18, 2021

The parties are to advise the court re the status of this matter. If additional time is needed, the hearing may be continued a final time to December 16,

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2021 or January 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. by requesting a further continuance during the court clerk's calendar roll call prior to the hearing.

# **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Scott T. Vu Represented By

Christopher J Langley

Michael Smith

**Joint Debtor(s):** 

Thu M. Nguyen Represented By

Christopher J Langley

Michael Smith

Movant(s):

THE BANK OF NEW YORK Represented By

Katie M Parker Julian T Cotton Mary D Vitartas Dane W Exnowski

**Trustee(s):** 

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

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**8:19-14683** Roberto Llamas

Chapter 13

#12.00 Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [REAL PROPERTY]

**NEWREZ LLC** 

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

Docket 67

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Order Approving Stipulation for Adequate Protection Entered 11/12/21

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

OFF CALENDAR: Order Approving Stipulation for Adequate Protection Entered 11/12/21- mp/td (11/12/21)

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Grant with 4001(a)(3) waiver.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by the Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Roberto Llamas Represented By

Rebecca Tomilowitz

**Movant(s):** 

THE BANK OF NEW YORK Represented By

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Mary D Vitartas Dane W Exnowski

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR)

Pro Se

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8:21-10133 John Steven Domingos

Chapter 13

#13.00 Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [REAL PROPERTY]

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

Docket 107

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay Under 11 U.S.C. §362 (Settled by Stipulation) entered 11/10/2021

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay Under 11 U.S.C. §362 (Settled by Stipulation) entered 11/10/2021 - td (11/10/2021)

### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

John Steven Domingos Represented By

Joseph A Weber Fritz J Firman

Movant(s):

Deutsche Bank National Trust Represented By

Robert P Zahradka Megan E Lees Chad L Butler

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

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8:21-11723 Advantage Manufacturing, Inc.

Chapter 11

#14.00

CON'TD Hearing RE: Motion for relief from automatic stay [ACTION IN NON-BANKRUPTCY FORUM]

ZHEJIANG CRAFAB ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

FR: 10-14-21

Docket 61

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### October 14, 2021

Grant the motion for the reasons and based upon the legal analysis stated in the Motion; overrule Debtor's objections as unpersuasive.

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### November 18, 2021

The parties are to advise the court regarding the status of this matter. If more time is needed, the parties may request a final continuance to December 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. during the court clerk's calendar roll call prior to the hearing.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Advantage Manufacturing, Inc.

Represented By

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**CONT...** Advantage Manufacturing, Inc.

Chapter 11

Michael G Spector Vicki L Schennum

Movant(s):

Zhejiang Crafab Electric Co., Ltd.

Represented By Larry W Gabriel

**Trustee(s):** 

Robert Paul Goe (TR)

Pro Se

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8:21-11917 Blue Cargo Group, LLC

Chapter 7

#15.00 Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [PERSONAL PROPERTY]

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

Docket 30

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### November 18, 2021

Continue hearing to December 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to allow Movant to correct service issue.

#### Basis for Tentative Ruling:

- 1. The filing of a motion for relief from the automatic stay against a debtor is a contested matter within the meaning of FRBP 9014.
- 2. Debtor is a corporate entity (LLC). Pursuant to FRBP 9014, service of the Motion must be made in the manner required by FRBP 7004(b)(3), i.e., to an officer, director, managing agent or agent for service of process.

Note: If Movant accepts the tentative ruling, appearance at this hearing is not required.

#### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Blue Cargo Group, LLC

Represented By

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Thomas J Polis

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Movant(s):

Bank of America, N.A. Represented By

Michele S Assayag

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

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8:21-11987 Andrea A Montalvo

Chapter 13

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CON'TD Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [REAL PROPERTY]

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

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#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### October 14, 2021

Grant motion with all relief requested, including *in rem* relief under Section 362(d)(4).

Special Note: The court did consider the late-filed opposition of Debtor because Debtor's counsel was erroneously terminated from the NEF program by the court.

### **Basis for Tentative Ruling:**

- 1. This is the <u>fourth</u> bankruptcy filing in less than three years. The first three were all failed chapter 13 cases filed by Debtor's father, Ernesto Mantalvo ("Ernesto").
- 2. The mortgage payments were three years delinquent at the time the a portion of the property was transferred by Ernesto to Debtor for no

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### **CONT...** Andrea A Montalvo

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consideration on August 12, 2021, just four days prior to the scheduled foreclosure and the filing of the present case. Indeed, at the time of the transfer, Judge Wallace had entered an order dismissing case No. 21-11046 with a 180-day bar (the bar was subsequently removed by order entered after the instant case was filed).

- 3. According to her Schedule I, Debtor is unemployed and has insufficient income to pay the mortgage payments, taxes and insurance re the property, let alone ordinary living expenses.
- 4. Debtor states in her Schedule A/B that she is the sole owner of the property. This is not true -- by her own admission in her declaration in opposition to the Motion, Ernesto transferred the property to her and himself as joint tenants. See Declaration of Andrea Montalvo at paragraph 13. Further, based on the the representations made in paragrarph 11 of the same declaration, it would appear that her aunt and uncle each claim an interest in the property as trust beneficiaries. Their interests are not listed in Schedule A/B.
- 5. Debtor states in Schedule J that the mortgage, property taxes and insurance is only \$2280 per month. This apparently is not true. In Ernesto's most recent bankruptcy filing, 21-11046MW, he indicates that the monthly amount is 3900.00
- 6. Debtor's plan provides that a motion to sell the property is to be filed prior to the 341a meeting of creditors. The 341a meeting took place on September 28, 2021. To date, no such motion has been filed. The court notes parenthetically, that online valuation websites such as Redfin and Zillow are not evidence of the value of a particular property.
- 7. Given the multiple bankruptcy cases and the transfer for no consideration just days before the foreclosure and fiing (not to mention the <u>substantial</u> arrears), this matter falls squarely within the scope of the purpose for which Section 362(d)(4) was intended by Congress. More specifically, the evidence indicates that this bankruptcy case was filed as part of a scheme to delay or hinder a creditor, despite Debtor's self-serving argument to the contrary.

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**CONT...** Andrea A Montalvo

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Grant motion with all relief requested, including *in rem* relief under Section 362(d)(4) and annulment.

### Basis for Tentative Ruling:

The court incorporates by reference the findings in its October 14, 2021 tentative ruling. In addition, Movant has provided evidence that it was not aware of Debtor's bankruptcy filing prior to the foreclosure sale on April 16, 2021 -- Debtor's father (co-owner) repeatedly advised Movant's representative that he himself had filed a bankruptcy petition prior to the foreclosure sale and did not provide accurate information regarding this bankruptcy case until *after* the foreclosure sale had already been conducted. Taking into account <u>all</u> of circumstances (see Oct. 14, 2021 tentative ruling), annulment of the automatic stay is warranted in this matter.

### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Andrea A Montalvo Pro Se

Movant(s):

U.S. Bank Trust National Represented By

Erica T Loftis Pacheco

**Trustee(s):** 

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

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#### **8:21-11935** Edith Alatorre

Chapter 13

#16.10 CON'TD Hearing RE: Motion for relief from the automatic stay [REAL PROPERTY]

WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

FR: 10-21-21; 11-4-21

Docket 23

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (Settled by Stipulation) Entered 11/4/2021

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay (Settled by Stipulation) Entered 11/4/2021 - td (11/4/2021)

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### October 21, 2021

Grant motion without 4001(a)(3) waiver and with co-debtor relief BUT no trustee's sale prior to December 21, 2021.

Note: If both parties accept the tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing are not required.

### November 4, 2021

The parties are to advise the court re the status of this matter. If a further continuance is required, such a continuance may be requested during the

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calendar roll call by the clerk. Available continued dates: December 9 or December 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

**Party Information** 

**Debtor(s):** 

Edith Alatorre Represented By

Sunita N Sood

Movant(s):

Wilmington Trust, National Represented By

Darlene C Vigil

**Trustee(s):** 

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

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### 8:08-17206 Palmdale Hills Property, LLC

Chapter 11

#17.00 CON'TD Post Confirmation Status Conference RE: Trustee's Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for SUNCAL EMERALD MEADOWS, LLC (Dated May 1, 2017)

(Set at Ch 11 Plan Conf. hrg. held 6-15-17) FR: 12-14-17; 5-31-18; 11-15-18; 5-30-19; 11-21-19; 5-21-20; 11-19-20; 5-20-21

Docket 5270

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### **December 14, 2017**

A post-confirmation status report was due November 30, 2017 per the Confirmation Order entered June 28, 2017 [docket #5285]. Impose sanctions of \$100 against Reorganized Debtor's counsel for failure to do so; court to issue OSC why the case should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute.

Note: Appearance at this hearing is required.

#### May 31, 2018

Continue status conference to November 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.; updated status report to be filed by November 1, 2018. (XX)

Note: Appearance at this hearing is not required.

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### November 15, 2018

Continue status conference to May 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by May 16, 2019 unless a final decree has been entered by such date. (XX)

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Note: Appearance at this hearing is not required.

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May 30, 2019

Continue status conference to November 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by November 7, 2019, 2019 unless a final decree has been entered by such date. (XX)

Note: Appearance at this hearing is not required.

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November 21, 2019

Continue status conference to May 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by May 7, 2020 unless a final decree has been entered by such date. (XX)

Note: Appearance at this hearing is not required.

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May 21, 2020

Continue status conference to November 19, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.; updated report to be filed by November 5, 2020. (XX)

Note: Appearance at today's hearing is not required.

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November 19, 2020

Continue status conference to May 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by May 6, 2021. (XX)

Note: Appearance at today's hearing is not required.

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May 20, 2021

Continue Status Conference to November 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.; updated Status Report must be filed by November 4, 2021. (XX)

Note: Appearance at today's hearing is not required.

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**November 18, 2021** 

Continue status conference to May 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.; updated status report must be filed by April 28, 2022.

Note: Appearance at today's hearing is not required.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Palmdale Hills Property, LLC

Represented By

Paul J Couchot

Peter W Lianides

Richard W Esterkin

Asa S Hami

Charles Liu

James M Miller

Raymond H. Aver

Sean A OKeefe

Marc J Winthrop

Martin Pritikin

Selia M Acevedo

Francis T Donohue

Richard H Golubow

Louis R Miller

Jeffrey W Broker

Kavita Gupta

Garrick A Hollander

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R Grace Rodriguez Lei Lei Wang Ekvall

Mike D Neue

**Trustee(s):** 

Steven M Speier (TR)

Represented By
Louis R Miller
Mike D Neue
Lei Lei Wang Ekvall

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8:09-14788 David Clement Jones and Diana Leslie Jones

Chapter 7

#18.00 Hearing RE: Trustee's Final Report and Application for Compensation

### [JEFFREY I. GOLDEN, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE]

Docket 31

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### November 18, 2021

Approve fees and expenses as requested.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Applicant is required. Should an opposition party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Applicant will be so notified.

# **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

David Clement Jones Represented By

Robert P Taylor

**Joint Debtor(s):** 

Diana Leslie Jones Represented By

Robert P Taylor

**Trustee(s):** 

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Pro Se

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8:14-14774 Clayton M. Anderson, APC

Chapter 7

#19.00 Hearing RE: Trustee's Chapter 11 Final Report

[JEFFREY I. GOLDEN, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE]

Docket 437

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Approve fees and expenses as set forth in the chapter 7 trustee's final report and account [docket # 432]

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Applicant is required. Should an opposition party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Applicant will be so notified.

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Clayton M. Anderson, APC Represented By

Mufthiha Sabaratnam

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By

Cicely T Ray Beth Gaschen Jeffrey I Golden

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8:14-14774 Clayton M. Anderson, APC

Chapter 7

#20.00 Hearing RE: Trustee's Final Report and Application for Final Fees and Expenses

[JEFFREY I. GOLDEN, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE]

Docket 432

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Approve fees and expenses as requested.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Applicant is required. Should an opposition party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Applicant will be so notified.

### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Clayton M. Anderson, APC Represented By

Mufthiha Sabaratnam

**Trustee(s):** 

Jeffrey I Golden (TR) Represented By

Cicely T Ray Beth Gaschen Jeffrey I Golden

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8:14-14774 Clayton M. Anderson, APC

Chapter 7

#21.00 Hearing RE: Weiland Golden Goodrich LLP's: (1) Second and Final Application for Allowance and Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses of Counsel for the Chapter 11 Trustee; (2) First and Final Application for Allowance and Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses of Counsel for the

Chapter 7 Trustee

[WEILAND GOLDEN GOODRICH LLP, COUNSEL FOR: (1) THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE; AND (2) THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE]

Docket 421

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Approve fees and expenses as set forth in the chapter 7 trustee's final report and account

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Applicant is required. Should an opposition party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Applicant will be so notified.

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Clayton M. Anderson, APC Represented By

Mufthiha Sabaratnam

**Trustee(s):** 

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By

Cicely T Ray

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8:14-14774 Clayton M. Anderson, APC

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#22.00

Hearing RE: First and Final Fee Application For Allowance of Fees and Expenses from March 25, 2015 Through February 1, 2021

### [HAHN FIFE & COMPANY LLP, ACCOUNTANT FOR TRUSTEE]

Docket 419

# **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

#### November 18, 2021

Approve fees and expenses as set forth in the chapter 7 trustee's final report and account.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Applicant is required. Should an opposition party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Applicant will be so notified.

#### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Clayton M. Anderson, APC Represented By

Mufthiha Sabaratnam

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By

Cicely T Ray Beth Gaschen Jeffrey I Golden

### Judge Erithe Smith, Presiding Courtroom 5A Calendar

Thursday, November 18, 2021

**Hearing Room** 

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10:30 AM

8:17-10717 Mohieddin Alavi

Chapter 13

#23.00 Hearing RE: Trustee's Notice of Intent to Increase Dividend to Unsecured Creditors filed by Amrane Cohen, Chapter 13 Trustee

Docket 106

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### November 18, 2021

Deny the Motion

### Basis for Tentative Ruling

- 1. No evidence has been provided by the trustee in support of the increased dividend.
- 2. The opposition filed by Debtor in the form of a declaration is incoherent and facially nonresponsive to the trustee's notice. However, the trustee has the burden of clearly stating and substantiating the basis for increasing the dividend.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Mohieddin Alavi Represented By

Arlene M Tokarz

Trustee(s):

Amrane (SA) Cohen (TR) Pro Se

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**Hearing Room** 

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10:30 AM

8:20-10936 Vantage Point Apparel Software, Inc.

Chapter 11

#24.00 Post-Confirmation Status Conference RE: Debtor's Second Amended SubChapter V Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization Dated January 25, 2021

(Set at Plan Hrg Held 5-20-21)

Docket 84

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Motion for Entry of Final Decree and for Order Closing Case Entered 11/3/2021

## **Courtroom Deputy:**

OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Motion for Entry of Final Decree and for Order Closing Case Entered 11/3/2021 - td (11/3/2021)

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Vantage Point Apparel Software, Inc. Represented By

Michael Jones

Trustee(s):

Mark M Sharf (TR) Pro Se

### Judge Erithe Smith, Presiding Courtroom 5A Calendar

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8:21-10608 DEA Brothers Sisters LLC

Chapter 11

#25.00 CONT'D Hearing RE: Debtor's Objection to Proof of Claim No. 2-1 filed by A&G Interprises, LLC,

FR: 9-30-21; 10-14-21

Docket 203

\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Stipulation by DEA Brothers Sisters LLC and A&G Interprises LLC Revising Proof of Claim No. 2's Amount (Docket No. 292) Entered 11/12/2021

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

OFF CALENDAR: Order Granting Stipulation by DEA Brothers Sisters LLC and A&G Interprises LLC Revising Proof of Claim No. 2's Amount (Docket No. 292) Entered 11/12/2021 - td (11/12/2021)

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### October 14, 2021

The parties are ordered to meet and confer re the amended proof of claim by or before October 29, 2021. Any supplemental pleadings by Claimant to be filed by November 5, 2021 and any supplemental reply by Debtor to be filed by November 12, 2021. Hearing continued to November 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. (XX)

### **Basis for Tentative Ruling:**

- 1. The filing of the tentative ruling moots the original proof of claim that Debtor objected to.
- 2. The court finds that Claimant, having the ultimate burden of proof, has not satisfied that burden as to the \$178,217 acknowledged as being received in writing by its managing member Ana Gladys Hueza. Her declaration stating that she was essentially duped into signing the acknowledgment strains credulity. Further, she signed a very detailed declaration in English.

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- 3. Debtor has not provided sufficient evidence that the \$47,000 paid to Mr. Gonzalez outside the escrow should be credited against the loan.
- 4. It appears that many payments were made without specific attribution to there treatment re the loan. If the parties cannot reach a resolution, the court may have to set an evidentiary hearing.

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

**DEA Brothers Sisters LLC** 

Represented By John H Bauer

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10:30 AM

8:21-10635 Alicia Marie Richards

Chapter 7

#26.00 Hearing RE: Application by Chapter 7 Trustee to Employ Hahn Fife & Company

LLP as Accountant

Docket 378

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Approve employment application.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, appearance at this hearing is not required.

### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Alicia Marie Richards Pro Se

**Trustee(s):** 

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By

Richard G Heston D Edward Hays Tinho Mang

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8:21-10958 Plamex Investment, LLC

Chapter 11

#27.00

Hearing RE: Application of Debtors and Debtors in Possession to Jointly Employ Jones Lang Lasalle Americas, Inc. as Real Estate Broker Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Sections 327 and 328

Docket 181

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Appearance required to explain why Exhibits 1 and 2 referenced in the application were not attached.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Plamex Investment, LLC

Represented By Ron Bender Juliet Y. Oh Monica Y Kim

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**Hearing Room** 

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10:30 AM

8:21-10958 Plamex Investment, LLC

Chapter 11

#28.00

Hearing RE: Motion for Approval of Stipulation Modifying Order Approving on a Final Basis Application of Debtors and Debtors in Possession to Jointly Employ NAI Capital Commercial, Inc. as Real Estate Broker Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 327 and 328, as Modified

Docket 184

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

November 18, 2021

Grant motion.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by the Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Plamex Investment, LLC

Represented By Ron Bender Juliet Y. Oh Monica Y Kim

### Judge Erithe Smith, Presiding Courtroom 5A Calendar

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10:30 AM

### 8:21-10958 Plamex Investment, LLC

Chapter 11

#29.00

Hearing RE: Motion for Order: (1) Establishing Bidding Procedures for Sale of Real Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances, and Other Interests; (II) Approving Stalking Horse Bidder, Including Expense Reimbursement Rights; (III) Establishing Procedures Relating to Assumption a nd Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; (IV) Approving Form and Manner of Sale and Cure Notices; (V) Scheduling an Auction Should there be More Than One Qualifying Bid; (VI) Scheduling a Hearing to Consider Approval of Sale; (VII) Approving and authorizing Debtors to Enter into a Plan Support Agreement; and (VIII) Granting Related Relief,

Docket 189

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### November 18, 2021

Grant the Motion subject to certain clarifications.

#### Comments of the Court re Clarifications

As a preliminary matter, the court found the motion and the relief requested therein to be less than a model of clarity. Instead of providing a proposed schedule of deadlines, Debtors have elected to assign this confusing task to the court, including deadlines concerning executory contracts/leases. The court declines to accept the assignment as to the latter.

- 1. Dec. 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. PST-- Bid Deadline
- 2. Dec. 13, 2022 -- Deadline to give notice of existence of qualified bids/auction
- 3. Dec. 15, 2022 -- Auction date

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- 4. Debtors request a sale hearing date two days after the auction date AND the same date as the plan confirmation hearing. How is the court to know when Debtors will be in a position to seek confirmation of the plan? Have Debtors factored in the required 28-day notice period? Do Debtors intend to seek confirmation without a disclosure statement hearing? Are there no unimpaired creditors?
- 5. Re the bidding procedures attached as Exhibit A to the Chae Decl, why are due dligence requests being direct to NAI, the *former* broker? See Exh A at p.5.
- 6. Re reimbursement expenses of SH Bidder: What is the cap on such expenses?
- 7. As of 11/16/21, no revised Exhibits B & C to the Chae Decl have been filed. Given the number and nature of other matters on the court's 11/18 calendar, it is highly unlikely the court will be able to review anything filed the day before or the day of the hearing.

### **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Plamex Investment, LLC

Represented By
Ron Bender
Juliet Y. Oh
Monica Y Kim

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8:21-10958 Plamex Investment, LLC

Chapter 11

#30.00

CON'TD Hearing RE: Motion for Order Further Extending Debtors' Exclusive Periods to File Plan of Reorganization and Obtain Acceptances Thereof

FR: 9-30-21

Docket 141

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### September 30, 2021

Grant the Motion in part -- extend exclusivity to file the plan and disclosure statement to December 10, 2021 and the time to solicit acceptances to January 10, 2022.

#### Basis for Tentative Ruling

- 1. This is the second extension request.
- 2. Debtors have apparently received offers sufficient to pay all creditors in full. Creditors should not be unreasonably delayed in receiving payment of their claims based solely on the desire of Debtor's insiders to maintain the property (and equity) for themselves.
- 3. As of December 10, 2021, Debtors will have had approximately nine months to file a plan and disclosure statement. The court is not persuaded that the cases warrant an extension of exclusivity beyond such date.

Note: If <u>all</u> parties accept the foregoing tentative ruling, appearances at this hearing are not required.

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Grant motion through and including January 21, 2022 and February 22, 2022. No further extensions will be granted.

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Plamex Investment, LLC

Represented By
Ron Bender
Juliet Y Oh
Monica Y Kim

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8:21-10958 Plamex Investment, LLC

Chapter 11

#31.00

CON'TD STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing on Status of Chapter 11 Case; and (2) Requiring Report on Status of Chapter 11 Case

FR: 6-17-21; 10-14-21

Docket 1

**Courtroom Deputy:** 

- NONE LISTED -

**Tentative Ruling:** 

June 17, 2021

Claims Bar Date: 8/20/21

Deadline to file plan/DS (subject to any motion to extend exclusivity)

extend exclusivity) 9/30/21

Continued Ch 11 Status Conf.: 10/14/21 at 10:30 a.m. (XX)

Updated Status Report due: 9/30/21 (waived if plan and DS

filed)

Note: If Debtors are in substantial compliance with the requirements of the UST, appearance at this hearing is not required. Court to issue its own order.

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October 14, 2021

Continue Status Conference to November 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Updated Status Report must be filed by November 4, 2021 only if a bid procedures

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motion has not been filed by such date. (XX)

Note: If Debtors are in substantial compliance with the requirements of the UST, appearance at this hearing is not required. Court to issue its own order.

November 18, 2021

Continue Status Conference to February 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.; updated Status Report must be filed by February 3, 2022 if a plan has not been filed by such date.

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Plamex Investment, LLC

Represented By
Ron Bender
Juliet Y Oh
Monica Y Kim

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**8:21-12158** Besthost Inn LLC

Chapter 11

#32.00 CON'TD Hearing RE: Cuong Nguyen's Motion to Dismiss Chapter 11 Case with

Prejudice

FR: 10-21-21

Docket 50

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### October 21, 2021

Continue hearing to December 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. to allow moving party to correct defective service: Notice of the motion was not served on <u>all</u> creditors as required by FRBP 2002(a).

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### Novmber 18, 2021

Grant the motion to dismiss (without prejudice) solely on the basis that Mr. Reazzudin lacked authoriy under the Operating Agreement to file the bankruptcy case.

#### Basis for Tentative Ruling

<u>Short Analysis</u>: The court agrees with and incorporates by reference herein the analysis set forth in the Motion and Reply concerning Mr. Reazuddin's lack of authority to commence the bankruptcy case without Mr. Nguyen's consent. That being the case, all other arguments of Debtor and the Subchapter V Trustee must fail, including the argument that dismissal would not be in the best interest of creditors. The court further finds there is not sufficient evidence to support a finding of bad faith.

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Sections 2.01(c) and (d) of the Agreement require the vote of 100% of the Members—i.e., the vote of both Nguyen and Reazuddin—to make any "major decisions" for Besthost. (Nguyen Decl., Ex. A, Sec. 2.01(c), (d).) More specifically, the Agreement requires the vote of both Nguyen and Reazuddin to make "Any other decision or action which, considered before making the decision or taking the action, would reasonably have been expected to have a substantial or material effect upon [Besthost] as contrasted with a decision or action which would be routine or in the ordinary course of business of [Besthost]. (Id., Ex. A, Sec. 2.01(c)(14) & (d).) In addition, the Operating Agreement requires both Nguyen and Reazuddin's approval to employ accountants, attorneys, consultants, and other persons or firms necessary or desirable to carry on the business of Besthost. (Nguyen Decl., Ex. A, Sec. 2.01(c)(11) & (d).)

Filing bankruptcy would undoubtedly have a substantial or material effect upon Debtor, and Debtor did not deny that filing for bankruptcy is a "major decision" in its Opposition. This finding requires 100% of the vote of both Nguyen and Reazuddin for Debtor to file bankruptcy. Debtor claims Reazuddin, through Mohammed Parvez, sent a letter of intent to file bankruptcy to Nguyen on August 13, 2021, but received no response. Opp'n at 2; 8. Nguyen states that he received no letter, and Reazuddin did not even attempt to obtain Nguyen's vote before engaging bankruptcy counsel or filing this bankruptcy case. (Nguyen Decl., ¶ 5.). Whether the letter was sent or not, the fact remains that Nguyen did not vote in favor of filing bankruptcy as required by 2.01(c).

The court finds Debtor's arguments that Nguyen as a "defaulting" member no longer held any authority under the Operating Agreement to be wholly unpersuasive.

Bottom line, this power struggle between the 50% members must be determined in state court. Due to Reazuddin's lack of authority to file the petition, bankruptcy is not the solution to the dispute.

**EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS** 

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**CONT...** Besthost Inn LLC

Chapter 11

Movant's Evidentiary Objections to the Deeclaration of Michael Reazuddin

Susain all objections.

Special Note: Re Movant's objection to the updated opposition filed by Debtor following the continuance of the hearing, Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(m)(4) provides that "[u]nless an order for continuance states otherwise, a continuance of the hearing of a motion automatically extends the time for filing and serving opposing or responsive documents and reply documents." As the court did not expressly state that additional pleadings could not be filed, Debtor was not in violation of LBR 9013-1 by filing the additional opposition.

#### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Besthost Inn LLC Represented By

Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):** 

Robert Paul Goe (TR) Pro Se

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10:30 AM

**8:21-12158** Besthost Inn LLC

Chapter 11

#33.00 CON'TD Hearing RE: Amended Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay [ACTION IN NONBANKRUPTCY FORUM]

**CUONG NGUYEN** 

VS.

**DEBTOR** 

FR: 10-21-21

Docket 65

#### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

#### **Tentative Ruling:**

### October 21, 2021

Continue hearing to Deceember 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. to allow moving party to correct defective service: 20 Largest Unsecured Creditors were not served as required by FRBP 4001(a).

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### November 18, 2021

If the motion to dismiss the case is granted as set forth in the tentative ruling for #32 on today's calendar, this motion for relief from the automatic stay will be denied as moot.

### **Party Information**

### **Debtor(s):**

Besthost Inn LLC

Represented By Michael Jay Berger

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Movant(s):

Cuong Nguyen Represented By

Proud Usahacharoenporn

Trustee(s):

Robert Paul Goe (TR) Pro Se

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#### **8:21-12158** Besthost Inn LLC

Chapter 11

#34.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing on Status of SubChapter V Case; (2) Requiring Report on Status of SubChapter V Case by Debtor and SubChapter V Trustee; and (3) Requiring SubChapter V Trustee to Appear at the Status Conference

FR: 10-14-21; 10-21-21

Docket 1

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### October 14, 2021

Continue Status Conference to October 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., same date/time as other matters concerning this case. Updated Status Report not required. (XX)

Note: Appearances at this hearing are not required.

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### October 21, 2021

Continue Status Conference to November 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., same date/time as contniued hearing on the Motion to Dismiss Case. Updated Status Report not required. (XX)

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### November 18, 2021

This matter will go off calendar if the motion to dismiss the case is granted.

### **Party Information**

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**Debtor(s):** 

Besthost Inn LLC Represented By

Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):** 

Robert Paul Goe (TR) Pro Se

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Thursday, November 18, 2021

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2:00 PM

**8:21-10485** Alan Dickinson

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:21-01035 Lenhardt et al v. Dickinson

#35.00 Hearing RE: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment

Docket 10

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### November 18, 2021

The court has reviewed the pleadings and intends to take this matter under advisement and issue a written ruling in the next 30-40 days. Either party may choose to 1) rest on their written pleadings without oral argument or 2) present up to 15 minutes of oral argument at today's hearing. **Pending the court's rulings on these matters, no party is to file any additional motions.** 

#### Comments

The court intends to review all motions to strike and motions for summary judgment at one time and render separate rulings for each. Accordingly, no written decision will be issued prior to the pending hearing on Golden Rain Foundation's motion to strike scheduled for December 9, 2021.

# **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Alan Dickinson Represented By

Christopher J Langley

### **Defendant(s):**

Alan Dale Dickinson

Pro Se

# Judge Erithe Smith, Presiding Courtroom 5A Calendar

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**Plaintiff(s):** 

David P. Lenhardt Represented By

Adrianos Facchetti

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Fred Scott Peters Represented By

Adrianos Facchetti

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

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2:00 PM

**8:21-10485** Alan Dickinson

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:21-01037 Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods v. Dickinson

#36.00 Hearing RE: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment

Docket 6

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### November 18, 2021

The court has reviewed the pleadings and intends to take this matter under advisement and issue a written ruling in the next 30-40 days. Either party may choose to 1) rest on their written pleadings without oral argument or 2) present up to 15 minutes of oral argument at today's hearing. **Pending the court's rulings on these matters, no party is to file any additional motions.** 

### Comments

The court intends to review all motions to strike and motions for summary judgment at one time and render separate rulings for each. Accordingly, no written decision will be issued prior to the pending hearing on Golden Rain Foundation's motion to strike scheduled for December 9, 2021.

# **Party Information**

#### **Debtor(s):**

Alan Dickinson Represented By

Christopher J Langley

#### **Defendant(s):**

Alan Dale Dickinson

Pro Se

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**Plaintiff(s):** 

Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Represented By

Fred S Peters

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR) Pro Se

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2:00 PM

**8:21-10485** Alan Dickinson

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:21-01035 Lenhardt et al v. Dickinson et al

#37.00 ORAL RULING Hearing RE: Cross-Defendants David P. Lenhardt's and Fred S. Peters' Special Motion to Strike Cross-Complaint Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 425.16

FR: 11-9-21

Docket 50

### **Courtroom Deputy:**

- NONE LISTED -

### **Tentative Ruling:**

### Novmber 9, 2021

The court will hear oral argument regarding the Cross-Defendant's Motion to Strike and then take the matter under submission until November 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The parties should assume that the court has read all the papers and should limit oral argument to 1) highlighting and summarizing key arguments and 2) addrressing any issues raised by the court below. Moving Parties (Cross Defendants) will have a maximum of 15 minutes to present opening argument; Cross-Complainant (Debtor) will have a maximum of 15 minutes to respond; and Moving Parties will have a maximum of 10 minutes to reply. Arguments will be timed by the court. (XX)

### **Court's Comments**

- 1. Moving Parties to address a) whether the Motion to Strike is based on legal deficiencies in the Cross-Complaint or factual insufficiencies or both; and b) whether <u>all</u> allegations in the Cross-Complaint are subject to claim/issue preclusion.
- 2. Debtor to clarify what, if any, allegations in the Cross-Complaint relate to alleged conduct of the Moving Parties in this adversary proceeding.

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### November 18, 2021

No ruling will be rendered today. The court wishes to review <u>all</u> four matters (this motion to strike, the motions for summary judgment scheduled for today, the motion to strike scheduled for December 9, 2021) together before issuing a ruling. **Pending the court's rulings on these matters, no party is to file any additional motions.** 

### **Court's Comments**

The court was not aware at the November 9, 2021 hearing that Golden Rain Foundation had also filed a motion to strike.

### **Party Information**

**Debtor(s):** 

Alan Dickinson Represented By

Christopher J Langley

**Defendant(s):** 

Alan Dale Dickinson Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):** 

David P. Lenhardt Represented By

Adrianos Facchetti

Fred Scott Peters Represented By

Adrianos Facchetti

**Trustee(s):** 

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR) Pro Se